

**Federal Funding Task Force
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2019**

The first meeting of the Federal Funding Task Force was held on January 24, 2019 as a virtual meeting by conference call. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Tom Mullikin, Chair of the South Carolina Floodwater Commission.

Attendees included Tom Mullikin, Congressman Tom Rice, Congressman Joe Cunningham, State Senator Chip Campsen, and Deborah Stirling.

Chairman Mullikin informed the Task Force that there would be a reception for the Commission at the Governor's Mansion, and notification would be sent out. He also reminded the Task Force of the next meeting of the full Commission in Charleston on February 8 from 10:30-12:30 with lunch provided. In addition Mayor Tecklenburg would be leading a tour of the underground tunnel. And he reminded the Task Force that a draft strategic plan is due by July 1st that reflects the recommendations of the other Task Forces.

Chairman Mullikin then proposed the following slate of officers for the Task Force: for Chairman of the Task Force, Congressman Tom Rice; for Secretary, Deborah Stirling. The slate was accepted by unanimous voice vote of the members. Chairman Rice will be meeting monthly with the other Chairs to coordinate activities.

Chairman Rice briefly discussed his concern that the disaster relief funding pending for the areas damaged by Hurricane Florence actually reach the affected communities, since three counties in his district were the epicenter of the disaster. Walker Truluck in his office will provide a memo on the matter for distribution to the Task Force.

Senator Campsen then discussed a bill in committee in the state legislature creating a revolving fund of loans and grants, including for relocation; it could be used as part of a solution as a repository if local match is required. He will make it available to the Task Force when it comes out of committee. He noted that after Hurricane Matthew the state received \$95 million for residents displaced or made indigent by the storm; however, only 439 out of 1300 homes have been reconstructed or repaired and many still remain in substandard housing or have had to leave the area.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and accepted unanimously at approximately 3:30 p.m. The Task Force will meet again at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deborah Stirling, Secretary